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<b>Applicant:</b>	Bashant <i>et al.</i>	<b>Conf. No.:</b>	8800
<b>Serial No.:</b>	10/614,968	<b>Art Unit:</b>	2176
<b>Filing Date:</b>	07/08/2003	<b>Examiner:</b>	Shah, Sanjiv
<b>Title:</b>	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SYNCHRONIZING RELATED DATA ELEMENTS IN DISPARATE STORAGE SYSTEMS	<b>Docket No.:</b>	END920000147US2 (IBME-0001DIV)

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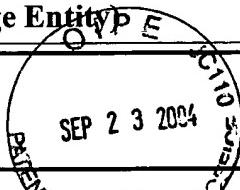
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Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
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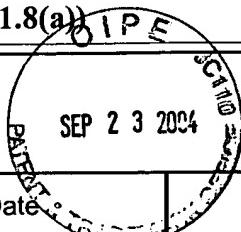
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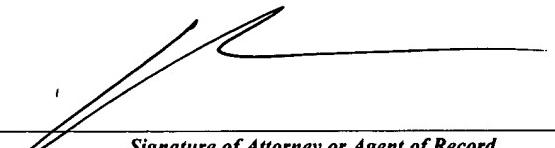
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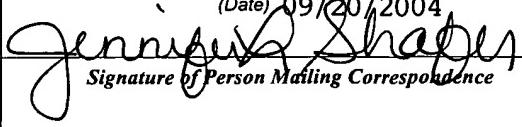
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